present, there is no proposal to formulate a separate National Film Policy as such. Since matters relating to financing, production, distribution and exhibition of films are largely in the private sector, the policy of films continuously evolves with technological innovations and changes in the investment environment. It is Government's experience that various problems afflicting the film industry can be effectively and promptly tackled by setting up various Committees/Working Groups as and when required. Similar steps would also be taken as and when required in future. Government also holds periodic meetings with the representatives of film industry to discuss various issues/ problems and find ways and means of resolving them.

On-going Railway Projects

2514. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the details of the on-going railway projects in West Bengal and Assam;

(b) the present status of these projects; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

Statement

On - going Railway Projects

WEST BENGAL **Details of Projects**

Project	Year of approval	Kms.	Cost	Exp. upto 31.3.97 (Rs. in crs.)	Outlay 97-98	Status and action being taken by the Government
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NEW LINE						
Howrah-Amta including Bargachia-Champadaga branch line	74-75	73.5	31	25	3	After completing the work from Howrah to Bargachia, the work was frozen. Owing to strong demands from Hon'ble Members, the work was defrozen in 95-96 for the segment from Bargachia to Munshirhat. The work on this 8 km long section is making good progress. An outlay of Rs. 3 crs. has been provided in 97-98 and we expect to complete this section in 98-99. However, the state government has not yet handed over land for 3 km and this trget is subject to the land being made available in the next 2-3 months. The work on the rest of section is frozen owing to poor traffic potential and constraint of resources at present as such the target for this portion has not been fixed.
Eklakhi-Baiurghat	84-85	87	81	13	10	Work is in progress. The work was proceeding slowly owing to shortage of funds. It has been decided to accord priority to the construction of this line and the outlay has been increased from Rs. 3 crs. in 96-97 to Rs. 10 crs. in 97-98. Completion of project is dependent upon the resources availability in the coming years.
Tamluk-Digha	84-85	87	165	32	10	The work was proceeding slowly owing to shortage of funds. However, it has been decided to accord priority to the construction of this line and the outlay has been increased from Rs. 2 crs. in 96-97 to Rs. 9.9 crs. in 97-98. Completion of this project would depend upon the resources availability in the coming years
Laxmikantapur Namkhana	87-88	47.5	70	41.8	5	The cost of this work is Rs. 70 crs of which Rs. 41.8 crs. has been spent till 31.3.97. The section from Laxmilkantapur to Nischintpur has already been opened to traffic and from Nischintpur upto Kashinagar would be completed in 97-98 The land acquisition has been taken up beyond Kashinagar and further progress of the work would depend on the availability of the land and resources in the coming years.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
DOUBLING						
Salubganj-New Farakka-Malda Town	86-87	49.57	61	58	1	33 kms. of doubling of this section has already been completed. The remaining 9 km between Tildanga and Bodidanga (7.3 km) and Gaurmalda and Malda Town (9 km) was held up due to encroachments which have just been removed by the State Govt. This work is now making good progress and would be completed in 97-98.
Khana-Sainthia Phase-I	92-93		12	7	4	This work was held up due to court case and contractual problems. The work has now been resumed and is expected to be completed in 98-99 including the fly over at Khana.
Jhapatardal-Guskara	94-95	15	12	7	4	One block section has been completed. The work on the remaining section would be completed in 97-98.
Guskara-Bolpur	96-97	18.8	24	2	4	The work is targetted for completion in 98-99.
Budge Budge-Akra	96-97	6.09	8	1	1	The work is targetted for completion in Dec'99.
Gurup-Shaktigarh	96-97	37	41	2	5	The work is targetted for completion in Dec'99.
New Alipur-Akra	96-97	8.7	12	2	5	The work is targetted for completion in Dec'99.
NEW WORKS INCLUDED IN SUPPLEMENTRY BUDGET 1997-98						
Restoration of Bongaon-Petrapole section						Work will be taken up after the budget is passed.
ASSAM						
NEW LINE						
Jogighopa-Guwahati	1983-84	142	635	390	45	The work is being progressed on war footing. Full funding as required has been arranged. The target for completion of the Brahamaputra bridge and line from Jogighopa to Goalpara is Dec'97 and for rest of the line is Dec'98. The work on the bridge was delayed by unforeseen geological problems in pier foundations of Brahamaputra bridge. (pier 17 and 18) but the problems have since been attended to and work is now progressing well.
Bogibeel Bridge	1997-98	46	1000	NIL	15	The work of construction of Bogibeel Bridge at Dibrugarh has been included in the Budget, 97-98 and Rs. 15 crores has been provided this year. The detailed investigation and final location survey has been taken up. Requisite clearances will be obtained after the survey is completed and the project cost become available and the work would be taken up thereafter. As it is a rail-cum-road bridge sharing of cost is also be worked out.
GAUGE CONVERSION						
Lumding-Dibrugarh including link branches	1993-94	628	552	387	165	The line from Lumding to Dibrugarh and Tinsukia to Lekhapani has since been converted to Broad Gauge. The two linked branches from Simalguri to Moranhat and Mariani-Jorhat-Furkating line would be converted during 97-98.
Lumding-Silchar	1996-97	198	648	6	34	The CCEA clearance has been received. Final location Survey for diversions between Migrendisa and Dittockcherra and for portions where sharp curves have to be modified

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						to suit the requirements of BG and preparation of land acquisition plan and papers is being taken up. In the portions where no change in alignment is necessary, the work would be taken up shortly. An outlay of Rs. 34 crs. has been provided in 97-98.
New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigon	1997-98		380	NIL	20	This is a new work in the budget, 97-98 and will be taken up after the necessary clearances have been obtained.
NEW WORKS INCLUDED IN SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET, 97-98						
Gauge conversion of Katakhal-Bairabhi as first phase of extension of BG line to Sairang.						Work will be taken up after the ncessary clearances have been obtained.
Gauge conversion of Katihar-Jogbani						Work will be taken up after the necessary clearances have been obtained.

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION WEST BENGAL

The electrification work is in progress on the following sections falling in the State of West Bengal

Project	RKM in WB	RKM ENER GISED	BALANCE RKM	PROPORTIONATE ANTICIPATED COST (Rs. in Crs.)	Target
Tiruldih-Ilu (Part of Chandli-Muri-Barkakana)	24	-	24	9.08	March'98
Pundang-Muri & Purlia-Kotshilla (Part of Bokaro-Barsuan)	72	-	72	35.59	Dec'98
Kharagpur-Danton (Part of Kharagpur-Bhubneswar)	54	-	54	31.01	March'2002
Adra-Midnapur	155	-	155		March'99
Ranaghat-Gede	44	-	44	30.60	Not fixed.
Ranaghat-Bangaon	33	-	33	18.33	Not fixed.
Total	382		382		

With the completion of above electrification works total electrified RKM in the State of West Bengal would be 1378 + 382 = 1716 i.e 56.90% of the BG tracks

Survey for electrification :

Cost-cum-feasibility survey for electrification of the following sections are in progress :

1. Krishnanagar-Lalgola 127 RKM
2. Barsat-Hasnabad 52 RKM
3. Katwa-Azimganj 78 RKM

ASSAM : There is no RE project in Assam.

[Translation]

Central Telegraph Office, Purnea

2515. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Purnea Central Telegraph Office is presently running from a rented accommodation;

(b) if so, whether due to this revenue earning is low;

(c) if so, whether the Government contemplated the construction of building for Telegraph Offices;